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MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Director

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FROM:

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Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT:

Weekly Report

South Africa Legislation. Yesterday the House Intelligence Committee marked up the comprehensive South Africa sanctions bill that had been referred to it by the Foreign Affairs Committee. Apparently because of intense pressure from Foreign Affairs, the House Intelligence Committee provided only a limited exception to the bill's existing prohibition on intelligence cooperation with the Government of South Africa. Essentially, the bill now permits "diplomatic activities" as well as the exchange of information concerning Soviet and Cuban military activities and equipment in Angola. Other parts of the bill are still being reviewed by the Armed Services and Ways and Means Committees, and it is expected that the bill will reach the floor in early July. Similar legislation has yet to show any signs of movement on the Senate side.

Senate Action Clears Polygraph Bill for the President. Also yesterday the Senate adopted the conference report on H.R. 1212, thereby clearing the measure for Presidential action. This bill severely restricts private use of the polygraph while exempting governmental polygraph use, including that by the Agency and the Intelligence Community. Senate and House votes on passage suggest the bill will be veto-proof. However, the President is expected to sign the measure, notwithstanding last-ditch opposition by the Justice Department. Prior to the formal presentation of the bill to the President for action, we understand your views will be solicited via the enrolled bill letter process. In the next few days, we expect to circulate within the Agency for comment a draft of that letter.

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